

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2007**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bob Snyder presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**      led by Girl Scout Troop No.1631

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members Present:**      Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridgett Powers, Bob Snyder, J. M. Holmes

**Council Members Absent:**      None

**Staff Members Present:**      City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Administrative Analyst/Transit Manager Megan Siren, Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger, Administrative Services/Finance Director Andy Heath.

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Bob Snyder recognized Marjorie Blodgett with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service on the Library Advisory Board.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

No changes were requested.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.      **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of October 23, November 13, November 27, December 11, and December 18, 2006.

2.      **Replacement Hydro Jetter Purchase – Sewer System Maintenance Equipment**

Item removed at the request of Council Member Nesbitt; follows Consent Calendar.

3. **Auburn Fire Battalion Chief Compensation and Benefits**

Item removed at the request of Council Member Hanley; follows Consent Calendar.

4. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program**

By **RESOLUTION 07-4** authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Implementation Agreement.

5. **City of Auburn Investment Policy Annual Adoption**

By **RESOLUTION 07-5** approve and adopt an Investment Policy to organize procedures and processes which enhance opportunities for a prudent and systematic investment effort and formalize investment related activities on behalf of the City of Auburn.

6. **Planning Commission Appointments**

By **RESOLUTION 07-6** appoint Lisa Worthington, Nicholas Kosla and Mark Smith to the City of Auburn Planning Commission.

7. **Municipal Election Resolution**

By **RESOLUTION 07-7** recite the fact of the General Municipal Election, held November 7, 2006, and declare the result and such other matters as provided by law.

8. **Maintenance & Service Contract for Police Department Radio Communication System**

By **RESOLUTION 07-8** authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a one year contract with Com Tech Communications for ongoing maintenance and repair service of all components comprising the Auburn Police Department communications system not to exceed the amount of \$12,000.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Calendar \*\*\*\*\*

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 2 and Item 3. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

2. **Replacement Hydro Jetter Purchase – Sewer System Maintenance Equipment**

Council Member Nesbitt noted that the three different bids were very different. He asked for clarification of the differences and more technical information regarding each.

Engineering Manager Bernie Schroeder addressed the Council. She advised that equipment to be purchased is a replacement piece. It is used for jetting the lines. It is not the most expensive, it is mobile, and the attachments are not necessary because of how it will be utilized. A demonstration of the equipment had actually been performed on the streets and Ricker equipment was found to be most satisfactory.

By **RESOLUTION 07-1** authorize the purchase of a replacement Hydro Jetter for the maintenance of the City's sanitary sewer collection system.

**MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

3. **Auburn Fire Battalion Chief Compensation and Benefits**

Council Member Hanley stated that he wanted to comment on the issue. He stated that he is concerned about how employee agreements are budgeted. He noted that cities that have "gotten in trouble have been cities that grant very large compensation increases." He stated that the city must be extra careful about compensating employees to be certain that the budget can be met in future years. He said the proposal is for a 14% increase in a one-year compensation package that will end in July of 2007. He stated such a large increase is justified when the city has to increase the wage level to recruit a needed, new employee, and "that is not the case in this situation."

Council Member Hanley also expressed his concern that the City is paying the \$27,000 cost of the proposal based on the good economy. Also, that there will be a budget adjustment because there is a good flow of property tax and sales tax dollars to pay for it. He stated that the city is not looking at the inevitable and the city goes into a recession like the rest of the state. The city will then be faced with "cutting down the reserve in a massive way, which is our emergency and public safety fund, or laying off people and providing less service to residents." He stated that he would support a modest pay increase, but felt this was too large of an increase, and therefore would have to vote "no."

By **RESOLUTION 07-3** approve the compensation and benefits authorized for Fire Battalion Chiefs for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. **MOTION: Holmes/Nesbitt/Approved 4:1 (No Hanley)**

9. **Public Comment**

Rosemary Frieborn, 70 Whittington Drive, Newcastle, spoke about the Placer County Animal Shelter. She stated that some discussion has occurred about building two facilities which she feels it is not justified. She stated that Sacramento County has one shelter that is sufficient for that county's needs. Placer County houses far fewer animals than Sacramento County. Yet, another facility is to be built in Roseville and the Auburn facility is to be updated. There is also a Tahoe facility.

The County will be coming to the City for discussion on a Facility Impact Fee. The City of Roseville will not be asked to pay anything yet the new facility will be located there. She felt that this was not right. She stated that the County will ask the City for a per unit fee, a "fair share" amount to include payment for the cost of a portion of the land that a non-profit, Placer SPCA, will occupy. That property will connect to the County facility and be leased by the county to the SPCA at \$1.00 per year.

She suggested a Joint Powers Authority for the cities of Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln excluding the City of Auburn. She stated that the current facility has not been funded properly. Therefore, more money needs to go to funding and not building. She asked the Council that when the issue goes before it, council members will consider what she said.

Council Member Holmes stated that he reviewed the report from last year on the City Stormwater Management Plan. He said that it mentions that the city should adopt an ordinance that deals with stormwater management. He questioned the status of that proposed ordinance.

Mayor Snyder referred the item to staff.

**REPORTS**

10. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Holmes announced that he will be attending a League of California Cities Policy Committee. The City Manager distributed the items for discussion and will collect comments from the Council Members.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

11. **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Master Agreement and Program Supplement Agreement – Maidu Drive Sidewalk Project**

Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder introduced the item. She explained that the city simply needs to enter into an agreement with the State of California for preliminary engineering and construction of the Maidu Sidewalk Project.

Council Member Hanley asked if when the project is completed, will there be a safe route to Skyridge School or will there still be a gap somewhere? Schroeder answered that there will be a gap but the children are being encouraged to go in through the subdivision.

By **RESOLUTION 07-9** authorize the Director of Public Works to:

- A. Execute the Administrative Agency Agreement No. 03-5077R
- B. Execute the Program Supplement No. 005-N for Project Number CML-5077(010) EA Number 03-928720, in the amount of \$91,997 for the Maidu Drive Sidewalk Project.

**MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0**

12. **Consultant Agreement for the Maidu Drive Sidewalk**

Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder introduced the item for a consultant agreement to begin the Maidu and East Lincoln Way projects. She introduced one of Stanec's directors and the project manager to the council. She explained the projects, stating that Lincoln Way presents more of challenge than Maidu Drive. Council questions and discussion followed.

Lisa Worthington, 174 Tuttle Street, stated that she is pleased to see the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Program for both Skyridge and Alta Vista School.

Council Member Hanley thanked staff for obtaining the funds for the sidewalk programs.

By **RESOLUTION** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a consultant agreement with Stantec Consulting Inc. for

- A. The Preliminary Engineering design of Maidu Drive Sidewalk Project in the amount not to exceed \$32,623; and
- B. The Preliminary Engineering design of East Lincoln Way Sidewalk Project in the amount not to exceed \$36,271.

**MOTION: Nesbitt/Powers/Approved 5:0**

13. **Appointment to the Library Advisory Board**

City Manager Robert Richardson introduced the item, explaining that an unscheduled vacancy had occurred with the resignation of Marjorie

Blodgett. Michael Otten applied for the position and staff was awaiting council direction on the issue.

Council Member Holmes supported Michael Otten for the position. He stated that Michael has a lot of background as a member of "Friends of the Library" and as president of the "Placer County Historical Society."

Mayor Snyder stated, "I have witnessed his passion for the library and I don't think we could find somebody with a greater commitment."

By **RESOLUTION 07-10** appoint Michael Otten to the Library Advisory Board for a term ending December 2007. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/ Approved 5:0**

14. **Tiburon/Computer Aided Dispatch System**

Police Chief Valerie Harris introduced the item. She explained that it was a lengthy staff report because she wanted to provide some historical background of the evolution of the technology system.

In 1996 the city entered into a regional technologies approach with the county and the Roseville Police Department. This included dispatch, records management and geographic information on boundaries for dispatching police officers and fire personnel. It allowed all three agencies to communicate with one another and to utilize each other's computerized system. There have been upgrades since 1996.

Retired Police Chief Willick entered into an ongoing agreement for shared services, which has the city participating in any system upgrades that need to be done. We are at a point where an upgrade is necessary for system improvements although more needs to be done with our records management and dispatch capabilities. The Chief advised that she is currently looking into a more advanced system for the future. Council questions and discussion followed.

By **RESOLUTION 07-11** authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the system upgrade of the existing regional TIBURON/CAD Contract with Placer County Sheriff to the latest version 2.2 of the dispatch and records communications system for the Auburn Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$13,618.00. **MOTION: Hanley/Powers/Approved 5:0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Snyder, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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Robert Snyder, Mayor

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

Minutes transcribed by Anne M. Cooley, Deputy City Clerk